

# THE COURT STREET COURIER

April 2024



**CORNERSTONE**  
Global Methodist Church

## A Note from Pastor Nathan



**Have you ever seen an angel, literally?** As in, one from the other dimension called 'heaven'? If so, please give me a call because I'd love to hear about that! One reputable friend told me when he saw an angel it was MASSIVE and a bit terrifying, which certainly aligns with the way in the Bible they always start a conversation with, "Fear not!" 😊

**Have you ever seen Jesus, literally, in bodily form?** We just celebrated Easter with 'Resurrection Sunday,' and most of us believe in the Resurrection of Jesus because of eyewitnesses who were not us...but once in a while I've talked with someone who says that Jesus has really appeared to them quite directly. One such person said, "Jesus told me to tell you that He has big and wonderful plans for you," to which I wanted to say, "Um, you tell Jesus I prefer He tell me directly himself" – but fearing blasphemy, I did not! Again, these have been very reputable people and for them it has made a deep impression on their lives and boosted their faith.

**Have you ever seen the Holy Spirit?** Now we're getting into some really bizarre territory, because Jesus said it was better for humans for him to go away into the dimension of heaven than to stay with us directly, in the flesh (John 16:7 -- "*But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go away. When I go away, I will send the Helper to you. If I do not go away, the Helper will not come.*") The Spirit is the Helper, and the Helper's presence with us is **BETTER** than having Jesus with us face to face

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*in the flesh.* I'm not sure I have ever fully grasped how special our relationship can be with God through the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the Helper.

Maybe part of the importance of the Spirit is that the Spirit is the disembodied, personal, power of God. If Jesus were still on Earth bodily, He would be constantly mobbed by crowds of millions, while billions on other parts of the earth would simultaneously yearn with intense longing for the time when they could mob him and hug him and hear his words of help and affirmation. But now, you have that availability this very moment as you read this, and I have that availability at this very same moment though I may be miles away.

So may we both, now, and all the time, delight in taking advantage of that unending availability of God's presence and guidance. Come Holy Spirit, lead us into the loving grace of Jesus...now...at this moment when others around the world are enjoying this exact same experience, together.

## *Journey to the Cross* March 16, 2024

Contact: Lisa Hughes  
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## *WIM Rummage Sale* March 8 & 9, 2024

Contact: Jeannette McConnell  
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### WIM Rummage Sale 2024

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY!



The Women In Mission (WIM) are so thankful to everyone who helped make the 2024 rummage sale a booming success. We welcomed many new helpers and remain very grateful for our many seasoned volunteers.

This was a special time in the life of our church. We all came together and worked toward a common goal, which was to support ministries and missions. We are "the hands and feet of Christ!" With your help we were able to do as the Bible says, "For we are...created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10.



# Retired Members' Birthdays/Anniversaries, Financial News & Announcements

**HAPPY**  
*Birthdays!*  
—TO YOU—

- 4 Kae Zorman
- 7 Bill Brake
- 9 Bob Whitman
- 11 Nancy Bowman
- 12 Susan Pleasant
- 19 Dwight Youngkin
- 20 Nina Lee Hampton
- 22 Corky Burton
- 27 Mar Jeanne Taulbee
- 28 Lois Dale
- 29 Carol Johnson
- 30 Ralph Simpson



**NEW TO OUR CHURCH?**  
We want to get to know you!  
You are invited to our  
**MEET & GREET  
DINNER**  
**April 28 @ 6:00**  
Burnside Conference Room  
**RSVP REQUIRED**  
Use Church App  
 or  
peggy@ourcornerstone.org

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen  
2 Peter 3:18

## Financial News



Giving vs Expenses Year to Date Feb 2024



Giving vs Budget Year to Date Feb 2024



## Food Drive for Marysville Food Pantry

- April 21 - grocery bags passed out
- April 21-30 - Drop off filled bags in the BFLC closet
- May 5 - Deliver to Food Pantry



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

19 Gene & Brenda  
Brumbaugh



### Seniors:

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NAME  
ADDED TO OUR BIRTHDAY AND/OR  
ANNIVERSARY LIST  
IN THE COURT STREET COURIER?  
WE'D BE HAPPY TO ADD YOU!!

Please notify the office:  
janet@ourcornerstone.org  
or call 937-642-4712

# Joining Our Church Family

## We are The Theado Family.

Brant was born and raised in Ashville, OH and moved to TN in 2007. During his youth years he was a part of a few different sports teams; baseball, golf and bowling. Today he enjoys family time, being outdoors and anything that keeps him busy. He spends his downtime woodworking and building new things.

I, Candace was born and raised in upstate NY and moved to TN in 2005. In my youth years I played basketball and volleyball. Today I enjoy planning/organizing, walking, reading and of course any activity that involves time with my children and husband.

Brant is a simple, quiet, introverted man who found a bubbly, loud, extroverted women and together we created a beautiful, joyful and balanced life together.

Our relationship started in Feb 2009 and we married in April 2011. We started and grew our family in TN and in June 2017 we took a leap of faith and moved to Amanda, OH with the hopes of a having better and brighter life for our family. In April 2020 we relocated for Brant's work to Marysville, OH. Brant is a Water Treatment Plant Operator 3 for the City of Delaware and Candace is a local Real Estate agent and a stay at home, homeschooling mom.

Together we have 4 beautiful children; Alivia, Abel, Axel and Ayden.

Alivia (Liv), born July 2010 is our oldest. She has such a kind, bright and giving spirit. Her smile and presence lights up the room. She enjoys being creative, baking and anything to do with animals.

Abel, born May 2012 is our second oldest. He was diagnosed with Epilepsy at the age of 6. He is the funniest kid with the most giving heart. We are never short of smiles and laughs when he is around. His goal is always to make sure people are having a good time. He enjoys being outdoors and playing video games.

Axel is our 3rd child (identical twin to Ayden). He is our sweet son whose time with us on earth was unfortunately cut short but we get to be with him in heaven one day. He is now healthy, pain free and waiting for our time to join him. This month marks 10 years since his passing.

Ayden, born April 2014 is our youngest. He was born at 26 weeks and with all his medical issues he faces, he is the most determined and upbeat child. He has a contagious smile and laugh and the most caring heart. He loves to see others happy and is always searching for ways to give to others. He enjoys playing video games, being outside and zooming around in his wheelchair.

As a family a few of our favorite things to do are; playing games, going on walks/hikes and cuddling up to watch movies together.

We were invited by our sweet neighbors, The Richmond's to attend Cornerstone. Brant didn't grow up in church but I, Candace did. I didn't have the best church experiences and in return that turned me away from church and wanting to raise our children in church.

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Those experiences though didn't turn us away from loving God and teaching our children about his love. We never thought we would find a church that met what we would want/need. That is until we walked into Cornerstone. We have never felt so at home and at peace. Everyone here is so welcoming and loving. We always wanted a church that was family oriented and poured so much into the children. A place that would help provide them with a Godly platform, support and love. And we found that at Cornerstone.

In such a short time we have been able to witness our children's personal and spiritual growth as well as our own. We are forever grateful to our neighbors for inviting us, to the people of this church for being so loving and welcoming and to God for all his glory.

We recently attended the New Members class and are excited to see how we can grow more in our faith and within the church. We feel so blessed and thankful every day. Without God, we would have never been able to get over the hurdles thrown at us through life or be where we are today.

A favorite Bible verse of mine (Candace) would have to be Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." As a teenager walking out of the clinic just finding out I was pregnant, you can imagine the fears. As I walked out I saw a billboard with that verse on it. I looked it up and I knew we would be ok.

A favorite Bible verse of mine (Brant) would probably be Matthew 19:14 "Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When we lost our son this Bible verse was posted in the hallway of the hospital. It is one I will always remember and one that will always bring me comfort.

We are so excited to be a part of The Cornerstone Church Family!



# Happenings Around Church

***Bluegrass Concert - Rhonda Vincent and The Rage***  
*March 15, 2024*



***Maundy Thursday Sedar Meal***  
*March 28, 2024*



***Men's Breakfast***  
*March 23, 2024*

**Contact: Greg Williams**  
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Cornerstone's Men's Breakfast continues to be the place to go for great food and even better fellowship, and the third such gathering in 2024 was no exception. Roughly 45 men gathered at the March 23 breakfast in the Burnside Conference Room for fresh-made pancakes, bacon, and eggs. They were also blessed to hear Dick McConnell's talk on "The Rocks Cry Out," in which he shared his life story and how he sees God's wonder and beauty in all things nature – even a pile of rocks. The Saturday breakfast takes a break for the next few months as the Men's Ministry is hosting several unique fellowship opportunities in the coming weeks. See more details on the church app.



# Happenings Around Church

## *Join Our Church Family Class* *March 3, 2024*

Contact: Peggy Hoy  
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(names in no particular order)

Jeff & Kathryn James; Sean & Jeannette Holshu; Renae Louck; Colby Ramsey; Marcia Baynham; Jon & Lisa Nichols; Jonathan & Samantha Reardon; Joe Reardon; Melinda Ryan; Eric Ley; Barbara Lewis; Grace Farley; Jordan Jones; Diane Rauch; Candace, Abel & Ayden Theado; Nancy Matthews; and Katie Fannin. Missing: Jennifer Reardon; Brant Theado

## *Confirmation Class 2024* *March 10, 2024*

Contact: Mark Confer  
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Pictured L to R: Abigail Stinemetz, Desirae Given, Connor Osborn, Gabriel Osborn, Sydney Osborn, Ava Rodman, Matthew Connolly, Emmalyn Rohrs, Lorraine Koester, Clare Bowman, Evan Holshu and Brayden Rigel

# Upcoming Dates

## Wednesday mornings at the church -

**7am** Men's Bible Study, **9am** Golden Girls, **10:30am** Faith Sisters  
All welcomed to any group

## Wednesday evenings at the church -

**6pm or 6:30pm start times**

Multiple ages welcome for spiritual growth and development classes and activities  
(please email Pastor Peggy for more info: [peggy@ourcornerstone.org](mailto:peggy@ourcornerstone.org))

April 1		<b>Office Closed for Easter</b>
April 2	12pm	<b>Crocheters (Room 157)</b>
April 14	9&10:30am	<b>Introduction of New Professing Members</b>
April 14	4pm	<b>Visiting Author: Elaine Clinger-Sturtz - Christian Grief Counselor (BCR)</b>
April 14	6pm	<b>Common Ground Youth Meeting (Marysville Christian Church)</b>
April 15	9:30am	<b>Quilters (Room 157)</b>
April 16	10am	<b>WIM Meeting (Mills Lounge)</b>
April 16	10:30-4:30	<b>Red Cross Blood Drive (BFLC)</b>
April 19	7pm	<b>Bluegrass Concert: The Malpass Brothers (BFLC-doors open at 6pm)</b>
April 21		<b>Food Drive for Marysville Food Pantry (April 21-30)</b>
April 24	6:30pm	<b>Last KICK Club for this school year</b>
April 27		<b>Men's Work Retreat (Good Works, Inc., Athens, OH)</b>
April 28	7pm	<b>Meet and Greet Dinner (Upper Room)</b>
April 29	9:30pm	<b>Quilters (Room 157)</b>

Notify the church office, if you would like added to the Court Street Courier mailing.